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SUBJ: VIEWS AND DATA ON PROPOSED PANAMA CANAL TOLL INCREASE

REF: A) STATE 058007; B) 049678; C) FBIS PANAMA R 230455Z MAR74

1. IN REPLY TO REFTTEL, PANAMANIAN'S POSITION ON TOLL
INCREASE REMAINS AS DESCRIBED IN REF. B.

2. MOST RECENT EVIDENCE OF GOP'S INTENTION TO PLAY
QUESTION IN NEUTRAL, LOW-KEY FASHION WAS FOREIGN MINISTER
TACK'S REMARK TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE
(CONEP) ON MARCH 21 THAT WHILE PANAMA WAS ANALYZING CANAL
TOLL RATES, A PUBLIC DEBATE ON THE MATTER WOULD DIVERT THE
PUBLIC'S ATTENTION FROM THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. TACK
ALSO SAID THAT ANY DECISION TO INCREASE TOLL RATES WAS,
UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1903, TREATY, UP TO THE UNITED STATES.

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3. WITH REGARD TO IMPACT OF PROPOSED TOLL INCREASE ON PANAMANIAN ECONOMY, STATISTICAL DATA PREPARED BY THE PANAMA CANAL CO. INDICATED THAT, BASED ON FY 1973 TONNAGES EITHER ORIGINATING IN OR DESTINED TO PANAMA, A 20 PERCENT TOLL HIKE WOULD INCREASE PANAMANIAN TOLL PAYMENTS BY ABOUT \$450,000. THE COMMODITY GROUPS MOST AFFECTED WOULD BE CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (ABOUT \$270,000) AND BANANAMAS (ABOUT \$150,000). WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF PANCANAL, THIS STATISTICAL INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MARCH 5.
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